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Remarks

By this paper, applicant responds to the pending FINAL Office Action.

In the FINAL Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 22-23, 36, and 38-40 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Keeping in mind the indication of allowable subject matter, applicant has amended the claims as follows:

- claim 21 has been cancelled
- claim 22 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 21
- claims 24 and 26-29 have been amended to depend from claim 22
- claim 36 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 21
- claim 37 has been cancelled
- claims 38-40 have been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 37
- claim 41 has been cancelled

In light of these amendments, applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in form for allowance, and respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowability and Notice of Issue Fee Due. If the Examiner has any questions,

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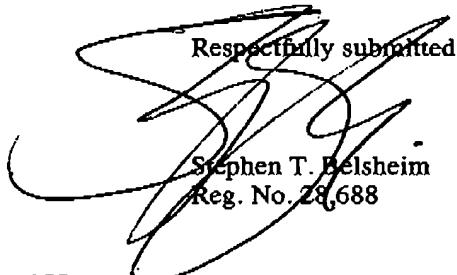
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applicant urges the patent examiner to contact the undersigned attorney (615-662-0100) or Mr. Larry R. Meenan (724-539-5485).

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